

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Application", please substitute the following paragraph, in its entirety, for the paragraph currently in the specification under that heading:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/077,897 filed March 13, 1998, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/102,338 filed September 29, 1998, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/267,107 filed March 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,189,292, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/678,080 filed October 3, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,263,641, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their respective entireties.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1 and 20, as provided below, for claims 1 and 20 currently in the present application.

1. (Amended) A method producing a container comprising the steps of:
forming a container in a forming device,
transferring said container to an environmentally controlled area to maintain a predetermined cleanliness level,
cleaning said container;
enclosing said container in a second container, and
sterilizing said container.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising coupling at least one syringe component to said syringe barrels to form a plurality of syringe barrel